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SUBMARINES ON THE AIR

The Submarine Veterans Amateur Radio Association will activate submarine radio rooms in late April to commemorate the anniversary of the submarine service. Upwards of 20 museum submarines in the US and overseas will be on the air the weekend of April 24-25 with volunteer operators. "Some of the museum boats have the radio rooms restored and operable with the original equipment," said Carl Raish, KG0HS, of the SVARA.

Stations will operate on or around 3943, 7243, 14,243, 21,313, and 28,343 kHz. A certificate of participation is available for those obtaining at least four QSLs from submarines worked. The Submarine Veterans meet on the air daily except Sundays. Raish says the most popular on-air gathering is Saturdays, 1700 UTC on 14,243 kHz. This net was started about 25 years ago by World War II submarine veterans as a means of keeping in touch, and it has remained active ever since.

For a certificate, send copies of at least four cards from submarines worked to Jim Flanders, W0OOG, 1539 California Tr, Plano, TX 75023-4300; jaf@sprintmail.com. For more information, contact Flanders or Carl Raish, 1873 S Tennyson St, Denver, CO 80219; kg0hs@juno.com, or visit <http://www.flash.net/~jflanders/index.html>. (A list of participating museum submarines is available in The ARRLWeb Extra news section on the ARRLWeb Members Only site.)

SECOND ANNUAL CQ VHF NATIONAL FOXHUNTING WEEKEND

CQ VHF magazine has announced the second annual National Foxhunting Weekend, April 17-18. The magazine is encouraging radio clubs and other groups to conduct "foxhunts" during that weekend—or another convenient weekend in April—and to report their results.

"There are no mandatory time periods, no universal rules and no log sheets," writes event coordinator and foxhunting veteran Joe Moell, K0OV in the April issue of CQ VHF. "It's just a weekend to set aside for your

club, school or Scout group to try this exciting aspect of ham radio." Moell points out that foxhunters don't even have to have a ham ticket "since they will be receiving, not transmitting."

Foxhunting may be done by car or on foot, and the magazine is encouraging ham groups to use either one or both during the National Foxhunting Weekend. "Foxhunting is certainly fun and a competitive challenge," says CQ VHF Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, "but it also teaches important direction-finding skills that may be called upon in searching for a downed airplane or lost hiker using an Emergency Locator Transmitter, or for tracking down sources of interference."

Moell, who is also the ARRL ARDF Coordinator, notes that the first International Amateur Radio Union Region 2 ARDF Championships will be held this August in Portland, Oregon, as part of the sixth biennial Friendship Radiosports Games.

Groups participating in the CQ VHF National Foxhunting Weekend are encouraged to send reports of their activity directly to Joe Moell, K0OV, at PO Box 2508, Fullerton, CA 92837, or via e-mail to foxhunt@cq-vhf.com. For more information on foxhunting techniques and equipment, visit Moell's Web site, <http://members.aol.com/homingin/>.—CQ VHF

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FCARC PICNIC

Date: August 29, 1999
Place: Plamann Park
(Large shelter)
Time: 11:00 a.m.

Highlights: Swap Sale
Bring your "treasures" to the swap sale and barter to your heart's content.

Mark your calendars now!

BUSINESS MEETING REPORTS

MEETING MINUTES

The FCARC President Wayne Pennings, WD9FLJ, called the March 15 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club in Appleton, WI. After introductions, club business proceeded. Previous meeting minutes met with approval as written in the newsletter. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m. followed by a reviewing of the scores from the Wisconsin QSO Party on March 14.

TREASURER'S REPORT



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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Regular Account Balance | \$ 3976.25 |
| Scholarship Fund | \$ 485.06 |
| Hamfest Fund | \$ <u>1000.00</u> |
| Total | \$ 5461.31 |

REPEATER ASSOCIATIONS OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

The Outagamie County ARES net starts on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. on the 146.655 EC Resources repeater. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to check in.

<http://www.execpc.com/~kb9byp/ARES.HTM>

John Morack, N9ZXR,
EC Outagamie County ARES

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Please check in to the Winnebago Co. ARES net Sunday nights, 7 p.m. on the 147.240 repeater.

CALUMET COUNTY

No report given at club meeting. Please check in to the Calumet Co. ARES net Sunday nights, 7:30 p.m. on the 147.30 repeater.

MARCH ATTENDANCE

| | |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Chuck Hanson | N9OEQ |
| Bill Vincent | N9TNW |
| Maury Mead | W9FBC |
| Judy Schneider | N9PBM |
| Greg Schneider | W9IEI |
| Dave Campion | KB9OWC |
| Mark Strand | KB9QXJ |
| Chad Pennings | N9PRC |
| Don Alesch Jr. | KB9HRQ |
| Larry Wilfer | N9WNS |
| Jack Bigelow | KA9J0L/AB0ZO |
| Jim Wierzba | WB9OJE/AE |
| David Sprangers | N9ZHZ |
| Richard Sonnenberg | W9UVZ |
| Steve Lamers | N9SGG |
| Jim Kleberg | N9WNU |
| Al Van Dynhoven | KB9BYQ |
| Steve Pelletier | KB9OAL |
| Gary Keating | ND9Z |
| Bob Thorne | K9DAF |
| Jim Eggert | N9RWM |
| Jim Sheetz | K9OQO |
| Steve Grieshaber | N9XOH |
| Gerry Radtke | WA9GON |
| Wayne Pennings | WD9FLJ |

HAMFEST '99

Hamfest '99 will be held on Sunday, November 7 at the Starlite Club, Kaukauna, WI.

MS WALK

The annual MS Walk will be held on Sunday, April 18. Contact Pat LaTour, K9IK, for details.

SILENT KEYS

On March 23, club member Ken Vandenberg, WB9TOZ, passed away. The club gave a donation in his memory to St. John's Parish in Little Chute.

Recent club member James W. Lopas, K9CBU, Age 72, died on March 4, 1999. A memorial fund is being established for the Neenah - Menasha Lions Club, the Winchester - Larsen Lions Club, or the charity of one's choice.

Cathy Keating, N9FZL

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Article I

Section 2: Associate Membership: Spelling catagory should be category.

Article I

Section 4: Remove "after a two month grace period"

Article III

Section 5: Change "(I.E. May to June)" to May 1st through April 30th

Article IV

Section 1: Remove "Dues are provided with a two-month grace period"

Article V

Section 4: Treasurer. The treasurer shall keep accurate and complete records of the receipts and disbursements of the club monies. He or she shall not pay bills or make expenditures without proper authorization by the board of directors or by a vote of the membership. He or she shall document account activity in a financial report at monthly meetings. He or she shall submit a fiscal year summary (with four prior years summaries) to a financial review committee for audit and reporting to the membership at the May meeting. Upon expiration of the term of office, the treasurer shall relinquish all checkbooks, records and the like to his or her successor.

Article V

Section 5: Membership Coordinator. Change phrase "in an effort to aid the treasurer in those duties" to "his or her" duties.

Article V

Section 6: In the spirit of the club's purpose, the Don Baker Memorial (Ham of the Year) award shall be presented at the annual dinner and awards banquet. At the December meeting, nominations of club members for this award shall be accepted. Selection of the recipient shall be made by a committee of past Ham of the Year winners and one other person (all club members) selected by the Board of Directors. This award may be received once per member.

FIELD DAY 1999

On June 26 and 27, FCARC will be active in the annual ARRL Field Day event. Mark Strand, KB9QXJ, has volunteered to organize the club's program.

There will be a sign-up sheet passed around at the April and May meetings for anyone interested in operating, setting up or taking down equipment, etc.

This is a well supported event with many clubs throughout North America participating. Help the club out by signing up and enjoying this weekend.

ORDER UP

At the April meeting, a catalog from Tower Electronics - one of our newsletter advertisers - will be passed around. If there is enough interest from the club members, a combined order will be placed with them. They have a large assortment of ham radio necessities (PL-259, SO-239, molex power connectors, 2-Meter antennas, etc.) that everyone should have on hand. Replenish your supply soon.

MAY ELECTIONS

In May, the club elections are held. This year the offices of President, Secretary, Membership Coordinator and Members-at-Large will be filled.

Please consider helping the club by accepting a nomination for an office position.

News Flash:

After the May elections, snacks will be provided for all. Those who attended the December meeting will remember those delicious snacks we had then and these will be similar.

WISCONSIN AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR RECOGNITION DAY

April 22 will be Amateur Radio Operator Recognition Day in Wisconsin. A proclamation has been approved, and there will be a ceremony in March for Gov Tommy Thompson to officially sign the proclamation. The ceremony, recognizing Amateur Radio's role in emergency preparedness and response, will be in conjunction with the Tornado Awareness Week proclamation.—thanks to Mack Brophy, N9NTB and Jim Romelfanger, K9ZZ

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

April - T88II, Palau DX-pedition with John Meyer, NZ9Z, guest speaker.

May - Election of President, Secretary, Membership Coordinator and Members-at-Large.

Program Committee Chairman Austin Kyser, K9GEM, is stepping down from this committee effective May 1999. If anyone is interested in this committee, please contact Wayne Pennings, WD9FLJ.

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR APRIL

John Meyer, NZ9Z, will give a presentation about a trip to the island of Palau last December. Sun, scuba diving and even some time for Ham Radio from this island paradise. Come early and get a good seat!



HAMDINGER NET

WEDNESDAY

7:30 P.M.

145.330- PL 100.0

REPEATER



FCARC AMATEUR RADIO EXAMS

Volunteer Exam Testing Schedule for 1999

| <u>Month</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| May | 08 | 8:00 a.m. | Manitowoc Silver Lake Coll. |
| Sep | 18 | 8:00 a.m. | Appleton Undetermined |
| Nov | 07 | 8:00 a.m. | Kaukauna Swapfest |
| Jan/2000 | 22 | 8:00 a.m. | Appleton Undetermined |

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Doors open at 8:00 a.m. and no candidates are accepted after 9:00 a.m. The cost for 1999 is \$6.45. The FCARC sends all funds collected to our VEC, which is the ARRL. Forms are available at the test session. Candidates must bring their original license plus copies of their license or CSCE's, two forms of identification and the fee. Any questions may be directed to George Croy, W9MDP.

MARCH 20TH VE TESTING REPORT

The March 20, 1999 testing session was held at Madison Middle School. Three candidates took exam elements and all three passed. The candidates were **Richard Nagel**, KA9GTA of Neenah upgraded to **TECHNICAN HF**, **David Beck**, WB0RAG of Appleton upgraded from Advanced to **EXTRA**, and **Karen Beck**, 12 years old from Appleton passed and obtained her **NOVICE** license. Congratulations are in order to all three local area candidates for doing such an outstanding job at the test session.

Examiners present and assisting were Gary Keating -- ND9Z, William Vincent -- N9TNW, Tom Prust -- N9WI (Green Bay), John Meyer -- NZ9Z (Manitowoc) Mark Heimmermann -- KF9CS, Ric Kosiorek -- W9RIC, and George Croy -- W9MDP. The FCARC appreciates the time provided by these volunteer examiners.

FCARC is sad to report that Jim Promis -- WY9E from Green Bay passed away on March 17. Jim a ARRL/VE assisted the FCARC during many exam sessions over the years. We will miss Jim and wish his family well.

The next testing session will be the FCARC assisting the Mancorad Club in their HAMFEST in Manitowoc on Saturday, May 8. Start time: 8am. Testing will be at Silver Lake College just down the road a short distance from the hamfest. Examiners who can make it will be welcome.